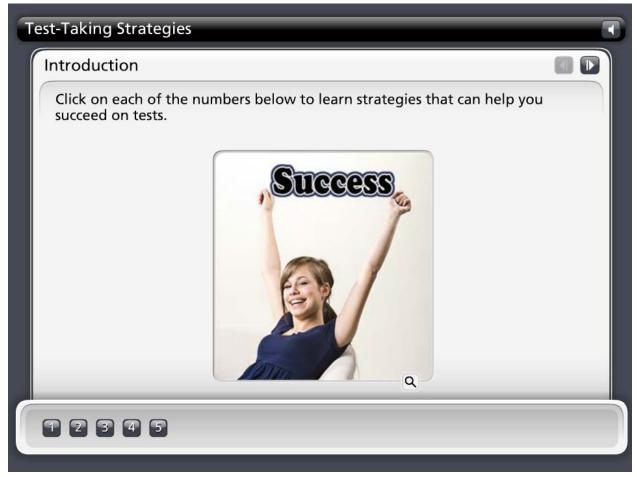
Module 1: English Essentials

Topic 1 Content: Test-Taking Strategies Notes

Sheet Introduction



Click on each of the numbers below to learn strategies that can help you succeed on tests.



Scan



Scan each reading selection before reading the questions.



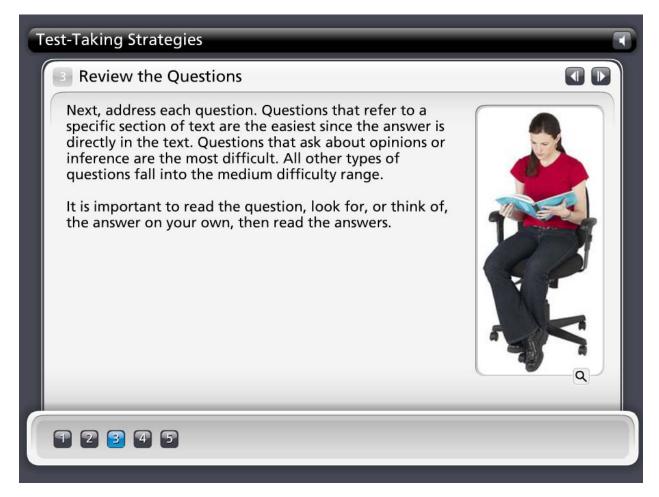
Notate/Define



Notate the main idea and any specific details that seem important, and use your root/affix knowledge and/or context clues to define unknown words.



Review the Questions



Next, address each question. Questions that refer to a specific section of text are the easiest since the answer is directly in the text. Questions that ask about opinions or inference are the most difficult. All other types of questions fall into the medium difficulty range.

It is important to read the question, look for, or think of, the answer on your own, then read the answers.



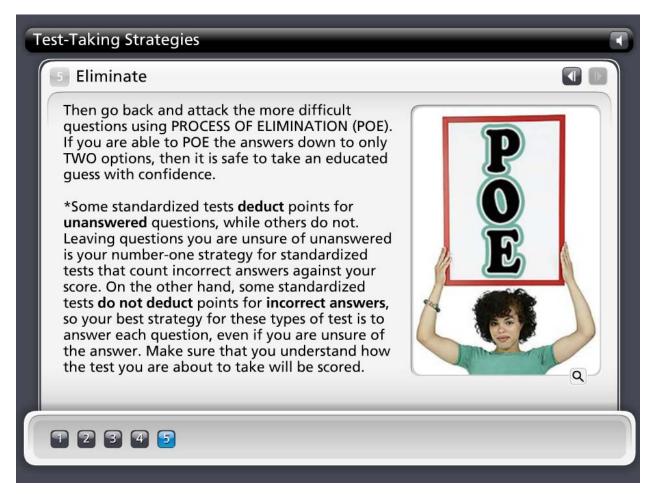
Answer Easiest First



Efficiently answer the easiest questions in each section first (i.e. those questions that are specific and which you can confidently and quickly choose an answer). Going out of order is a good strategy since questions are often not arranged from easiest to most difficult.



Eliminate



Then go back and attack the more difficult questions using PROCESS OF ELIMINATION (POE). If you are able to POE the answers down to only TWO options, then it is safe to take an educated guess with confidence.

*Some standardized tests **deduct** points for **unanswered** questions, while others do not. Leaving questions you are unsure of unanswered is your number-one strategy for standardized tests that count incorrect answers against your score. On the other hand, some standardized tests **do not deduct** points for **incorrect answers**, so your best strategy for these types of test is to answer each question, even if you are unsure of the answer. Make sure that you understand how the test you are about to take will be scored.

